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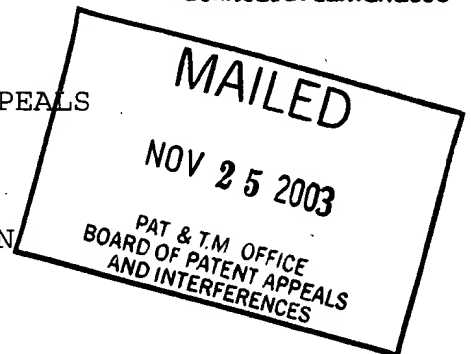
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte RICHARD H. WARREN

Appeal No. 2002-1989
Application 09/216,036

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL



Before HARKCOM, Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge, WILLIAM F. SMITH, and NASE, Administrative Patent Judges.

Per curiam.

On February 14, 2003, counsel for the appellant filed, among other documents, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 35 CFR § 1.114. Pursuant to the notice entitled, "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes in Provisional Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000), and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 filed after appeal has been

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taken, but prior to a decision on appeal, "will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner."

Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

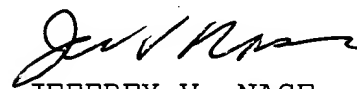
The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

DISMISSED


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